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NOVEL USES OF MALE STERILITY IN PLANTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present Continued Prosecution Application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claim 13 as follows:

--13. (amended) A method for preventing dissemination of a transgene of interest via pollen from a transgenic plant incorporating said transgene, comprising integrating said transgene in a plant rendered male-sterile, whereby said transgene is prevented from being disseminated by pollen of said plant, wherein said plant is cultivated for seed or fruit reduction.--